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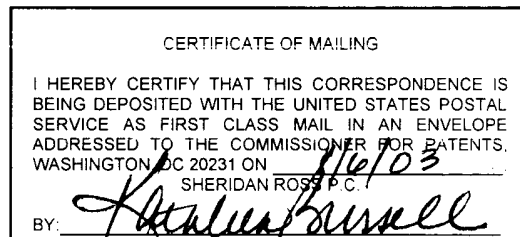
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In Re the Application of: )  
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PRODUCTION OF GLUCOSAMINE )

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner of Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231



Dear Sir:

Prior to the Examiner's examination of the claims for the above-identified patent application on the merits, please enter the following Preliminary Amendment. No fees are believed to be due in connection with this Amendment, but if fees are due, please debit Deposit Account No. 19-1970.

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

On page 1, please replace the paragraph spanning lines 3-10 with the following new paragraph:

--This application is a continuation of U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/115,475, filed July 15, 1998, now U.S. Patent No. 6,372,457, which is a continuation-in-part application of PCT Application No. PCT/US98/00800, filed January 14, 1998, which designates the United States. PCT/US98/00800 claims priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e) from U.S. Provisional Application Serial No. 60/035,494, filed January 14, 1997. U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/115,475, PCT Application No. PCT/US98/00800 and U.S. Provisional Application Serial No. 60/035,494 are incorporated herein by reference in their entireties.--